

NEW LAWS NOW IN FORCE.

MERCHANTS, BOXERS, DIVORCED MEN, POLITICIANS, HORSE RACERS, PARENTS AND SMALL BOYS AFFECTED.

Nearly forty laws passed by the last Legislature of the State went into effect yesterday. The act repealing the Horton law is among the forty. Another important one is expected to prevent the registration of frauds upon business houses. This is an addition to Section 363 of the Penal Code, and provides that no person or persons shall hereafter carry on business in this State under any assumed name or fictitious firm style unless they first file with the clerk of each county in which they intend to do business a certificate setting forth the true and full name of the person or persons carrying on the business, with their true addresses. Persons now carrying on business under such fictitious firm names are required to file these statements within thirty days after the act goes into force, and persons hereafter undertaking business under such names are required to file a statement with the County Clerk before they begin business. Failure to comply with these provisions is made a misdemeanor. This law does not apply, however, to incorporated bodies, under legal warrant, nor does it prevent the use of a partnership name which includes the true name of at least one of the persons doing business under that name.

In the office of the County Clerk 305 certificates were filed yesterday, and the Deputy County Clerk, George H. Fahrbach, said he expected five thousand certificates would be filed before September 30. Most of the certificates were filed in by lawyers. They covered all kinds of businesses, from installment loan associations to laundries, drygoods concerns, butchers' shops and cigar manufacturers, as well as news associations. Each certificate cost 5 cents, which goes to the State, while a 10-cent revenue stamp has to be attached to every one of them. Assistant District Attorney Maurice B. Blumenthal said the District Attorney's office would prosecute to conviction every person who failed to file a certificate before September 30, or who filed a false certificate.

Another of the forty laws forbids the use of the divorce law in such a manner that alimony can be reduced or wholly cancelled where the defendant has become poorer since the award of alimony. The plaintiff has married a well-to-do husband since her divorce. Under the old law the courts could not vary, modify or annul decrees of alimony which were made prior to 1894. The new law makes the statute of 1894 retroactive. It is now a misdemeanor for a man to solicit a candidate for an elective office money or other property in return for newspaper or other support in a political campaign.

Hereafter it is also a misdemeanor for any person to conduct races between horses or other animals within one mile of any place where a public assembly is taking place. County fairs are excepted from this provision.

Not fourth of July the small boy will grive over a new law which makes it a misdemeanor for any person to sell or give an air gun or spring gun to any person under the age of sixteen years, or sell a toy pistol using blank cartridges to any person under sixteen years of age. A notable decrease in accidents may be the result, however.

JERSEYMEN IN THE BIG DEAL.

STATE SENATORS, ASSEMBLYMEN AND OTHER POLITICIANS IN CONTROL.

Camden, N. J., Sept. 1 (Special).—The newly organized South Jersey Gas, Electric and Traction Company to-day gave out a list of its organizers. The officers are: President, Anthony B. Kuser, of Newark; vice-president, William J. Bradley, of Camden; secretary and treasurer, Thomas N. McCarter, Jr., of Newark. Directors—Uzal H. McCarter, of Newark; Forrest F. Dryden, of Newark; Chandler W. Ryker, of Newark; Thomas A. Nevins, of East Orange; John L. Kuser, of Bordentown; William J. Thompson, of Gloucester; John J. McLaughlin, of Camden; Herbert C. Johnson, of Marlinton; Charles Watson, of Camden; Barker Summers, of Trenton; Frank Bergen, of Elizabeth; Thomas J. Bart, of Orange; Frank W. Montgomery and Matfield F. Griggs, of New-York.

NINTH NATIONAL BANK AFFAIRS.

PRESIDENT CILLEY SAYS THE REPORTS OF A CHANGE PREMATURE.

J. K. Cilley, president of the Ninth National Bank, was asked by a Tribune reporter last night if the reports about the proposed changes in his bank were true. After saying that he had disposed of the larger part of his holdings in the bank, Mr. Cilley said:

"The reports that the management of the Ninth National is to be changed, and that the bank and some others in the neighborhood are to be consolidated, are all premature. The same can be said about the story that Alvin Trowbridge, president of the North American Trust Company, has been selected to succeed Mr. Cilley. I would rather not speak of the matter at all," he said yesterday, "but in view of the premature announcements which have been made I will go so far as to say that there is no good deal of truth in them. It was not intended to make any announcement of the reorganization until all the details had been arranged."

Mr. Cilley and his colleagues are planning to make the Ninth National the most important banking institution in the whole drygoods district, and will endeavor, it is said, to consolidate the Ninth National with some of the other banks of the neighborhood. According to reports heard yesterday overtures have been made to the National Citizens' Bank, No. 401 Broadway; the People's Bank, No. 355 Canal-st.; the Pacific Bank, No. 40 Broadway; the Mechanics and Traders' Bank, No. 40 Broadway; and the East River National Bank, No. 25 Broadway.

Officials of some of these banks denied that they had been approached. Nevertheless, in the whole drygoods district it is generally believed that a policy of absorption will follow Mr. Trowbridge's consolidation.

It is expected that Mr. Trowbridge's resignation of the presidency of the North American Trust Company will be laid before the directors on September 1, and that after that time, the vice-president, will become his successor.

COUNTERMANDING OF CASTELLANE SALE.

REPORTED EXPLANATION IS THAT THE GOULDS PAID THE COUNT'S DEBTS.

What purported to be an explanation of the reason why the sale of Count Castellane's castle was countermanded was contained in a cable dispatch published in this city yesterday. In that dispatch it was asserted that the Count and his wife, who formerly Miss Anna Gould, falling on their recent visit to this country to obtain advances from the Gould estate, decided to put up the Castellane property for auction.

This step, it was reported, was regarded with aversion by the Gould family, and that George and Edwin Gould, in the course of their stay in Paris, consented to pay the principal creditors of Count Castellane in order to obviate the scandal of a sale under the hammer. Then, according to the dispatch, the Count, taking advantage of the situation, refused to accept any help unless all his debts were wiped out.

These conditions, it was explained further, George and Edwin Gould ultimately agreed to, but they refused, the report adds, to intrust the money to the Count's hands, but themselves paid the creditors. Edwin Gould sailed on Saturday from Cherbourg, and the Count and his wife, who are still in Paris, at the offices of ex-Judge John F. Dillon, the Gould family legal adviser, all knowledge was denied yesterday as to the truth of the report, or as to the asserted financial embarrassment of Count Castellane.

WOMEN SAVE UNION VETERAN'S LIFE.

New-Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 1 (Special).—A single story house in Trenton, N. J., occupied by John Toubler, an aged and infirm veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, was destroyed at noon to-day by a fire which followed the explosion of a gasoline stove. Toubler lived alone. Mrs. King, Mrs. Meyer, his neighbors, saw smoke coming out of the house and hastened to the old man's assistance. They found him unable to help himself. The women carried him outdoors, and he escaped serious injury. The house belonged to the State, and was only tolerated because of compassion for the aged veteran, who was nearly eighty years old. His army relics, including discharge papers, were destroyed.

DR. SEAMAN ON ARMY FOOD

THE SURGEON-MAJOR BACK FROM THE PARIS MEDICAL CONGRESS AND A SHOOTING TRIP.

Dr. Louis L. Seaman, of No. 18 West Thirty-first-st., late surgeon-major of the 1st Regiment, United States Volunteer Engineers, who attended the International Medical Congress in Paris, was a passenger on the steamer Deutschland, which arrived yesterday, on a record making trip. Dr. Seaman has offered his services to the Government for duty in China, and his return from abroad was hastened to some extent on account of the probability that he will soon be wanted.

A man has to be a rather enthusiastic sportsman to go to the trouble of transporting twenty or thirty boxes of Welsh grouse three thousand miles for the benefit of his friends, but that is what Major Seaman did on his trip home from England this time. "I had pretty good luck at the shooting, having killed about four hundred birds," said Dr. Seaman yesterday afternoon to a Tribune reporter. "I was the guest of Evan Powell, who is interested in coal properties in West Virginia. He has a fine estate in Wales. There are about eight thousand acres in it, and on all the moors I suppose there is not a tree larger than one's wrist. The shooting begins on August 12—glorious August 12! they call it there—and the guests of Mr. Powell had magnificent sport following that date. The English grouse is perhaps a trifle heavier than the American partridge, darker on the breast, and there are small crimson crests over each eye. They thrive in Wales on the seeds of the heather, with which the moors are thickly covered. Their crops are full of the heather seeds this time of year. They fly like a streak, and that is why shooting them affords such high class sport."

SOLDIERS' DIET A CAUSE OF DISEASE.

Dr. Seaman read a paper before the International Medical Congress on "The Soldier's Rations in the Tropics: Its Use and Its Abuse." With reference to the subject the doctor said: "I have about seventy thousand troops in the Philippines, and 90 per cent are sick because of excessive meat diet. It is one of the most astounding facts of the war with the Army in the Philippines to-day. It is more than wrong. It is damnable. I notice that recently an order was issued providing for candy for the soldiers. That order was dictated by common sense. That is what the soldiers need—sweets, sugar. Give them chocolate, candy or sugar. You'll soon see a large decrease in the hospital list. "Americans as a rule have a poor opinion of the Chinese soldier, but I am prepared to say that, from investigation, that he has far greater endurance in tropical climates than our own soldiers on their present diet. The Chinese soldier gets one pound of meat a week, the remainder of his ration being made up principally of rice and flour. His sustenance may be together amount to 35 cents, with no pepper, and yet in fighting the Boxers in China the Chinese soldiers have exhibited far greater endurance than our own. "In our late Spanish-American War fourteen men died from disease for every one that was killed by bullets. Every death from disease was an insult to the intelligence of the age. When it occurs in the army it becomes a crime. The morals of most wars are cast. From a moral standpoint, as well as from an economic standpoint, the State should shorten the life of the soldier, for nothing is more costly in war than disease and after-war than the pestilence. "The critics of the present Army ration are told that the ration is fixed by law, and that only an act of Congress can change it. When men are being killed by disease, the statement like that is not worthy of consideration. If the ration is not a proper one, it should be changed at once. It is not a matter of law, but of common sense. When our troops were sent to the Philippines it was noticed that the ration was not adapted to the climate. The ration was too heavy, and induced to eat the hay sent over for their forage. One day a trooper who had been in the habit of feeding his horse, noticed that the horse was showing evidences of the greatest delight over the sugar and sugar was tried with the other horses. Just before this, it should be remembered, the hay had been dying by the hundred. Then one of the Army officers suggested that the horses might eat the hay if molasses were put on it. This was tried, the horses ate the hay with the greatest avidity, and the sickness disappeared almost as if by magic."

IMPROPER FOOD WORSE THAN CLIMATE.

Dr. Seaman was asked if his paper, read before the Medical Congress, had touched on the subject of sugar as a part of the Army ration, and he replied that it had. On the request of the reporter Dr. Seaman furnished a copy of his paper, which contains the following, among other things: "Attributing to climate the diseases of the tropics is an error due to ignorance and custom. The vast majority of ailments credited to climate have their origin in the use of improper food. During the last two years it has been my misfortune to see two great armies, one in my own Southern country, Cuba and Porto Rico, and one in the Philippines, largely invaded through errors in improperly sustaining the troops. When whole regiments were suffering from stomach and intestinal catarrhs, diarrhoeas and kindred complaints they were subsisted on a ration of rich meats, pork, beans, potatoes and other foods that aggravated the disease, crowded the hospital tents and left the men weak and emaciated, so that their return to health was a prolonged struggle. "The advantages of sugars are only now beginning to be appreciated. When energy is to be liberated rapidly with the least tax upon the digestive system, sugar, an almost pure soluble carbohydrate, would seem to be the ideal food for the purpose. Nature's prodigious supply of sugar cane and low heat producing, fruit in tropic lands would seem to indicate their peculiar adaptation for the purpose. The whole regime of the tropics is a lesson in the use of sugar. The bee and the colibri, whose marvellous endurance is the wonder of the physiologist and philosopher, derive their energy from sugar. The advantages of sugars are only now beginning to be appreciated. When energy is to be liberated rapidly with the least tax upon the digestive system, sugar, an almost pure soluble carbohydrate, would seem to be the ideal food for the purpose. Nature's prodigious supply of sugar cane and low heat producing, fruit in tropic lands would seem to indicate their peculiar adaptation for the purpose. The whole regime of the tropics is a lesson in the use of sugar. The bee and the colibri, whose marvellous endurance is the wonder of the physiologist and philosopher, derive their energy from sugar. "A liberal ration for the soldier in the tropics could be supplied in the following quantities: Fresh meat, beef, bacon, two ounces; flour, twelve ounces; rice, lentils or maize, four ounces; succulent and green vegetables, fourteen ounces; dried fruits, two ounces; sugar, four ounces, with tea and condiments, including curries, salt, pepper and vinegar, three ounces. "From this list an extremely light portable travel ration could be selected. By doubling the quantity of sugar, the bulky carbohydrates (the vegetables, fruits and cereals) could be omitted, and the energy supplying quality of the ration maintained at almost its full complement by the addition of a occasional indulgence in fruits and vegetables to be found en route—to supply vegetable salts and acids and to give the soldier a change of food and a necessary physical strain, and maintain his health and vigor."

DANN WRITES HE WANTS TO COME BACK.

MRS. DANN SAYS A FEW EMPHATIC AND DISCOURAGING WORDS IN REPLY.

Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 1 (Special).—John Dann, a tailor, who mysteriously disappeared from his home in this town six years ago, leaving his wife and several children in a destitute condition, has been heard from by his wife, who had given him up for dead. Dann sent a letter from England, saying that he was without means of support, and wanted to return to his home. He begged of his wife to send him \$100 and his naturalization papers. "The nerve of the fellow, said his wife when she read his appeal. 'No, I never will see him again, if he comes over here and bothers me I'll have him locked up.'"

S. H. LESZYNSKY BANKRUPT.

Samuel H. Leszynsky, of No. 15 Broad-st., has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$147,018 and nominal assets of \$5,503. He is a director of the Virginia, Fredericksburg and Western Railroad Company, and a director in the Eastern Railroad Bank fifteen years ago. Of the liabilities \$15,205 are secured by bonds of the Virginia, Fredericksburg and Western Railroad Company, \$127,713 are unsecured and \$1,103 are indentures. Among the creditors are G. G. Leer, assignee of D. A. McLeod, \$7,000 on a note, which is disputed; W. D. Ellis, of Boston, \$5,000 claim for damages for bringing a suit; disputed; W. D. Ed for damages for bringing a suit; disputed; American Surety Company, \$12,971 on judgment; Perez, Triano & Co., \$10,500 on acceptances; N. Getman, of Richmond Springs, \$25,000, and the First National Bank of Richmond Springs, \$10,000 on a note. 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